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SUBJECT : LRP PROCEDURES FOR BOAT REFUGEES

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1. BETWEEN DECEMBER 28, 1977 AND JUNE 27, 1978 TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE (291) REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. OF THIS TOTAL THERE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE 31 CATEGORY I, 6 CATEGORY III AND 141 CATEGORY IV CASES. BALANCE OF 113 ARRIVED IN ROC ON JUNE 27TH AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN INTERVIEWED BY JVR TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE ELIGIBILITY. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE 141 CATEGORY IV CASES ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION BECAUSE THEY LACK THIRD COUNTRY OFFERS FOR RESETTLEMENT (4 MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE RELATIVES IN AUSTRALIA AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING APPLICATIONS FOR GOA CONSIDERATION).

2. VISA FALCON AND MEDICAL CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR 84 OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED REFUGEES: THESE GROUPS ARRIVED BETWEEN DECEMBER 1977 AND APRIL 1978. BIO DATA FOR 67 REFUGEES (20 ARRIVED UNCLASSIFIED

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12/28/77 AND 47 ARRIVED 3/17/78) WAS SUBMITTED TO ACVA FOR SPONSORSHIP SEARCH BASED ON DIDIR INS HONG KONG ADVICE (HONG KONG 4198 AND 5028). JVR RECEIVED ACVA SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES FOR 48 OF THE 67 CASES SUBMITTED. SEVENTEEN CASES WERE NOT SUBMITTED TO ACVA BECAUSE SPONSORSHIP LOCATION WAS TERMINATED BY ORM (STATE 109490) IN APRIL 1978 UNTIL REFUGEES

COULD BE APPROVED BY INS.

3. EMBASSY HAD REASON TO BELIEVE (SEE HONG KONG 5028) THAT THE FIRST TWO GROUPS (67 PERSONS) THAT ARRIVED IN DECEMBER AND MARCH WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEWS FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION EITHER AS CATEGORY 1 (19 VERIFIED) OR CATEGORY IV (NO THIRD COUNTRY OFFER FOR RESETTLEMENT). APPEARS THAT THIS GROUP SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST CONSIDERATION WITHIN PURVIEW OF LRP TO REDUCE REFUGEE POPULATION IN ROC.

4. EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT INS ARRANGE TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES LOCATED IN ROC CAMPS WITH VIEW TOWARD APPROVING AT LEAST 84 REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY PROCESSED AND ARE PREPARED FOR MOVEMENT (PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP SEARCH AUTHORIZED FOR BALANCE OF THIS GROUP). IN ADDITION THERE ARE 12 CATEGORY I REFUGEES THAT ARRIVED BETWEEN MAY AND JUNE. THEREFORE 96 NUMBERS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR JULY ALLOCATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF ORM IN AGREEMENT WITH EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL (PARA 4) ACVA SHOULD BE ADVISED TO INITIATE SPONSORSHIP SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING TAIWAN CASES. ADVISE IF WE CAN PRESENT BIO DATA TO ACVA FOR THE OTHER CASES CONSIDERED WORTHY OF PRESENTATION TO INS.
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